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For: "IDENTIFICATION OF MODULATORY MOLECULES
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Sir:

The following is Applicants response to the restriction requirement mailed 28 June 2004, (Paper No. 20040618).

Claims 1 through 52 are currently under consideration.

REMARKS

The Examiner has restricted the claims of the above-identified application into seven groups with the following descriptions of the subject matter she believes the claims are drawn to:

- Group I: contains claims 1-42 drawn to methods for identifying ion channel modulators and membrane receptor modulators;
- Group II: contains claim 43 drawn to the sequence of an inducible vector containing an ion channel target;
- Group III: contains claims 44, 46 and 47 drawn to inducible expression vector and cells containing the vector;
- Group IV: contains claim 45 drawn to inducible regulatory expression vector;
- Group V: contains claim 48 drawn to an ion channel modulator molecule;
- Group VI: contains claims 49 and 50 drawn to a membrane receptor molecule; and

Group VII: contains claims 51 and 52 drawn to a kit containing cells that conditionally express an ion channel target and a fluorescent dye, an inducer and an indicator compound for ion channel activity.

The Examiner has requested that Applicant select a single restriction group and to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution.

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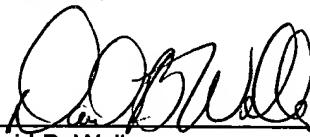
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